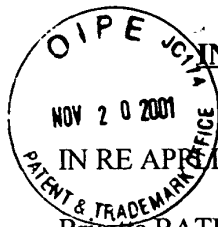


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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed September 20, 2001, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace pages 1-52 of the original Specification with pages 1-52 of the attached
substitute Specification.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at page 38-45 of the substitute
Specification.

Please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing at page 52 (Abstract) of the
substitute Specification, after the last line, beginning on a new page.